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## HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022-23

English

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Time : 3:15 Hrs. ]

Class—12

[ M. M. : 100

- Note: (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question-paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into four sections 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D'.
- (iii) All sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word while answering the questions.

### Section—'A': (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 12

The sense of doom in us today is not a fear of science; it is a fear of war. And the causes of war of Jenkins or wars of the roses, which were carried on with only the most modest scientific aids. No, science has not invented war; but it has turned it into a very different thing. The people who distrust it are not wrong. The man in the pub who says, "I'll wipe out the world", the woman in the queue who says, "It isn't natural"—they do not express themselves very well; but what they are trying to say does make sense. Science had enlarged the mechanism of war and it has distorted it.

- (a) What is the real sense of doom in human beings today ? 3
- (b) What does the author mean by the phrase 'Science has not Invented War' ? 3
- (c) What is the difference between war and battle ? 3
- (d) What is the meaning of the word 'distorted' ? 1½
- (e) What is the Antonyms of 'doom' ? 1½

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Section—'B' : (Writing)

2. Write an essay (article) on the following Topics is about 150 words : 10
- (a) My Mother Or My Best Teacher.
  - (b) Mobile Phones—Boon or Bane.
  - (c) The Indian Youth Today.
3. Write a letter to the District Magistrate about the nuisance caused by the use of loudspeaker at late night. 10

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a news-paper complaining about the frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.

Section—'C' : (Grammar)

4. Multiple Choice Questions :  $2 \times 10 = 20$
- (a) What is the synonyms of 'Abhor' :  
(i) dwell (ii) funny (iii) dislike (iv) gain
  - (b) What is the antonyms of 'Timid' :  
(i) thin (ii) strong (iii) folly (iv) bold
  - (c) This is ..... of all places. (cold, colder, coldest)
  - (d) Give one word substitute "Great or long period of history" :  
(i) Totter (ii) Anxiety (iii) Warn (iv) Age
  - (e) The meaning of 'A black sheep' phrase is :  
(i) a mean fellow  
(ii) a sheep that is black  
(iii) a man of outstanding qualities
  - (f) Change into indirect speech :  
He said, "Let us wait for the teacher."
  - (g) Where did you lose your watch ? (into Passive Voice)
  - (h) He is too proud to learn. (Remove 'too')
  - (i) Who is a best boy in the class ? (Correct the Sentence)
  - (j) Cricket is the most popular game. (Positive Degree)

5. Translate the following into English :

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एक समय एक राजा बीमार पड़ा। वह कुछ भी खा-पी नहीं सकता था। कितने डॉक्टर, वैद्य और हकीम आये और अपनी-अपनी दवाइयाँ देकर चले गये। किन्तु राजा अच्छा न हुआ। एक दिन एक साधू आया और राजा को देखकर कहा, "यदि राजा नगर के सबसे सुखी व्यक्ति का कुर्ता पहन ले तो वह अच्छे हो सकते हैं।" सब नौकर अमीरों के पास गये, परन्तु किसी ने नहीं कहा कि मैं सुखी हूँ।

Section—'D' : (Literature)

6. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words :

4 + 4 = 8

- (a) What does the writer say about Savita ?  
 (b) How is your opinion, can Mukesh realise his dream ?  
 (c) How did his experience affect him ?

7. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 150 words :

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- (a) How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer ?  
 (b) What changes did Franz find in school when the orders from Berlin came ?

8. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below it :

2 × 3 = 6

If we were not so single-minded.  
 about keeping our lives moving  
 and for once could do nothing  
 perhaps a huge silence  
 might interrupt this sadness  
 of never understanding ourselves  
 and of threatening ourselves with death.

- (i) Whom does 'we' refer to in the above lines ?  
 (ii) Why does the poet want us to 'do nothing for once' ?  
 (iii) How can a huge silence do good to us ?

9. Give the central idea of any one of the following poems : 4
- (a) Keeping Quiet.
  - (b) My Mother at Sixty-Six.
  - (c) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum.
10. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 4 + 4 = 8
- (a) Why did the king order the dewan to double the tax ?
  - (b) What did Charley find there ?
  - (c) What is the Photosynthesis ?
11. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 7
- (a) What values of life does the story 'Tiger King' give us ?
  - (b) Why did Charley again wanted to go to the third level ?

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